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SHOULDER TAP ABC OPERATION

CORONA, CA– On March 10, 2018, the Corona Police Department participated in the statewide “Shoulder Tap” decoy operation in cooperation with California Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC). The Shoulder Tap decoy operation involved over 70 California Law Enforcement agencies with the goal to reduce youth access to alcohol and alcohol-related harm in the community. During the operation, the Corona Police Department’s 19-year-old decoy contacted 26 patrons. Officers arrested two individuals for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Shoulder Tap operations utilize minors under the direct supervision of officers to stand outside a liquor or convenience store and ask patrons to buy them alcohol. If the adults agree and purchase alcohol for the minor, officers then arrest and cite them for furnishing alcohol to the minor. The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a minimum \$1000 fine and 24 hours of community service.

This program is intended to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors. Statistics show minors have a higher rate of drunk driving crashes than adults. Studies also show the combination of alcohol and youth tends to increase criminal conduct. According to the American Medical Association, underage drinking can increase chances of risky sexual behavior and teen pregnancy, juvenile delinquency, compromise health that can result in unintentional injury or death.

The Corona Police Department received funding for this operation through the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Grant Assistance Program.

If anyone has any questions about the program, please feel free to contact Officer Robert Slane at 951-739-4869 or Robert.Slane@CoronaCA.gov.

About the City of Corona: Corona is located adjacent to Orange County California at the junction of the 91 and 15 freeways with a population of more than 160,000 residents. For more information regarding The City of Corona visit www.CoronaCA.gov.

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